

REMARKS

Claims 30-51 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 30-51 are being rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,364,766 and claims 1-17 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,685,561.

Applicant hereby submits a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), disclaiming a portion of the patent term extending beyond the patent term of U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,364,766 and 6,685,561, thereby overcoming the stated rejection.

Withdrawal of this obviousness-type double patenting rejection and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


It is Applicants' belief that all of the claims are patentable and are in condition for allowance, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Applicants are submitting a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the statutory disclaimer fee. No other fees are believed to be due. However, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47079-00055USC2.

Respectfully submitted,

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